

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

Renewal of His People

December 25, 2016



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Glorifying God...

Embracing Scripture...

Loving Corpus Christi...

GATHERING SONG

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Words and Music: C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens
of heav'n above
Glory to God!
All glory in the highest!

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MISSIONARY REPORT

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PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

WORSHIPING GOD'S GREATNESS

*(*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)*

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-5

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Minister: It is he who made us, and we are his;

Congregation: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Minister: For the LORD is good;

**Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*SONG of ADORATION

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymnal #196)

Words: Charles Wesley and Mark E. Hunt Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Day-spring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

***PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S GRACE

***CONFESSION of FAITH**

Heidelberg Question, #1

Minister: *What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

Congregation: That I belong - body and soul,
in life and in death -
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who at the cost of His own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
that He protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything
must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.

CONFESSION of SIN

Please, pray the following in unison

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature -
prone to evil and slothful in good -
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
who are ashamed and sorry for all we've done to displease You.
Teach us to hate our errors,
cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.
Send Your purifying grace into our hearts,
that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool."

SONG of RENEWAL

Come, O Redeemer Come

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy
Ancient eternal Light, hear our prayer

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

Look now upon our need; Lord, be with us
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us mercy.
Come, o Redeemer, come;
Grant us peace.

PRAYER of COMMITTAL for our OFFERINGS

GIVING of OFFERINGS

Fellowship Books. Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 4:1-12

Test the Spirits

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD

Please contact Tammy at the church office for prayer needs and updates.

*SONG of COMMITMENT

Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Hymnal #218 Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Words and Music: Henry Thomas Smart and James Montgomery

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

All creation join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

EMBRACING GOD'S WORD

*READING and PREACHING of GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*SONG of RESPONSE

10,000 Reasons

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregation: (Loudly) Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING the PEACE**

***POSTULDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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Angels from the Realms of Glory

James Montgomery was six years old when his Moravian parents felt a call to the mission field. They placed James in a Moravian settlement in Ireland, and left for Barbados. They perished in Barbados and never saw him again.

James had few possessions, and drifted from place to place during his teenage years until he ended up in Sheffield, England. He started working for the local paper, and realized his gift for writing. He eventually became well known for his political editorials, promoting radical ideas such as the abolition of slavery. James was even arrested a few times for his views, only increasing his popularity. He used his celebrity to promote his passions, such as the gospel and foreign missions.

By the time he was in his forties, James Montgomery had become one of the most well respected leaders in Sheffield. On Christmas Eve, 1816, while meditating on Luke 2:13, he began writing a Christmas poem that was eagerly read on the pages of the newspaper. A few years later it was put to music, and sung on Christmas day. We know it as "Angels from the Realm of Glory."

The tune now associated with it is "Regent Square," composed by Henry Smart during the latter part of his life while he was blind. The majestic tune gets its name from the church to which it was dedicated, Regent Square Presbyterian Church in London.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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Michael and his wife Rachel are both from Memphis, TN. Michael attended the University of Tennessee - the other UT, while Rachel attended Covenant College in Chattanooga. Michael is also a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. They have three children, Caleb, Abigail, and Katherine.

As the RUF campus minister at Trinity, Michael has a tremendous ministry reaching the students with the gospel of Christ. He does that in several ways: preaching at their weekly large group meetings, leading small group Bible studies, equipping a core group leadership team, meeting one-on-one with students, and leading retreats. RUF also has outreaches throughout the year, especially in the fall as they welcome back returning students and meet the incoming freshmen.

Michael and Rachel have several prayer requests:

- Personal rest and refreshment over the coming few weeks. Pray that God would refresh me for another semester of ministry - that He would give me vision and passion for reaching students with the Gospel.
- Pray for students to be able to rest over the break as well. Pray that those who are Christians would find their identity in Christ and not in what their exam grades. Pray that students would come back in the spring excited for RUF and a new semester of ministry.
- Pray that God would keep RUF at Trinity on the hearts and minds of His people during this giving season. Pray that God provides for our needs with regard to ministry budget this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

New Year's Day Brunch. All are invited for bunch at 9:15. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share; beverages will be provided.

Christian Education. Christian Education resumes on Sunday, January 8th.

Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes January 11th. Wednesdays 8:00-9:30 pm at Hannah Feuchtenberger's house. We're studying "Hoping for Something Better: Refusing to Settle for Life as Usual", a study of Hebrews by author Nancy Guthrie. Extra books are available. For more information please contact Scotty or Hannah.